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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	King	ORIGINAL DATE		
		LAST UPDATED		HB 534
SHORT TITLE	TORRANCE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION			SB
				ANALYST Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act
Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)
Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 534 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY07 for a domestic violence prevention program in Torrance County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 would revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA noted that the Torrance County Domestic Violence Program provides services for victims and offenders of domestic violence in the county. They provide services to approximately 300-

400 clients annually. The Department of Justice (DOJ) in Torrance County conducts court hearings determining what type of service is needed or required. There is no emergency shelter in Torrance County; therefore, they house clients in surrounding hotels and motels. When long term shelter is required, transportation services are provided for clients to be sent to shelters in Albuquerque. The program contracts with various local hotels in case these services are required. The DOJ implemented and funded this program for approximately eight years, however funding was cut; the county is seeking replacement funds.

DFA indicated Torrance County received a prior year appropriation for the domestic violence program administered by CYFD.

CYFD noted that the executive recommendation is for all FY07 domestic violence funding to be administered through CYFD. This would allow funding to be better coordinated statewide, and would link funding with the department's expertise in domestic violence services.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD indicated that agency would coordinate with LGD on an administrative level to minimize any potential duplication of services.

DFA indicated the administration of this appropriation does not fall within the purview of LGD/DFA. This appropriation should be administered by CYFD. These types of appropriations are normally handled by CYFD. DFA added that a 2005 appropriation in the amount of \$97,000 is currently being administered by CYFD.

ALTERNATIVES

It may be preferable to direct the appropriation to CYFD to better coordinate this with similar programs and to bring more expertise to bear.

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